

Regular meeting of the City Council, Austin, Texas, December 15<sup>th</sup> 1907

Hon. F.M. Maddox, Mayor, presiding:

Roll called:

Present Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm	13
Absent Alderman Moreland	1

On motion the minutes were approved as recorded by the Clerk without reading

By Alderman Crooker, petition of JL Vredeberg, asking correction of assessment, Read and on motion referred to the committee on Claims and Accounts.

By Alderman Crooker, petition of Citizens and property owners on Wichita Street asking for street work on said street, and on motion referred to the Street Committee and City Engineer.

The Mayor laid before the Council a petition from W J Johnson, asking to have certain pound fees refunded, read and on motion referred to the Committee on Claims and Accounts.

The Mayor laid before the Council an invitation from East Austin Hose Company No. 4 inviting the Mayor, Board of Aldermen and City Officials and their families to attend their annual New Years ball to be given at their hall on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1908. On motion the invitation was accepted.

#### Reports of City Officers.

The Mayor laid before the Council the reports of the City Treasurer and Marshal for the month of November 1907, which were on motion referred to their appropriate Committees, without reading.

#### Reports of Standing Committees.

Alderman Scott for the street Committee to whom was referred a resolution requesting Rail Road Companies to put in gates at the intersection of Congress Avenue and Third Street, presented a report, stating that in the opinion of the Street Committee, it is not advisable at present to put in said gates. The report of the Committee was adopted by the following vote; Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott & Smith.

Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Sutor & Wilhelm.

Alderman Haynes for the Finance Committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Assessor and Collector for the months of Sept, Oct & Nov, and those of the City Treasurer and Clerk for Nov 1907, presented a report stating that they had been examined and found correct. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Petri for the Claims and accounts Committee to whom was referred the petition of Miss A Wright for damages, presented a report stating that they did not consider the claim a legal one and recommended that it be not allowed. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Crooker for the Cemetery Committee to whom was referred the reports of the City Sexton for the months of Oct & Nov 1907, presented a report stating that same had been examined and found correct. On motion the report was adopted.

Alderman Moore for the Paving Committee presented the following report, Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and Board of Aldermen City of Austin:

Gentlemen:

We your City Hall Committee, beg leave to report that we have advertised for, and received bids for work in the Council Chamber, Rostum and Office railing, Rostum etc., for Corporation Court, Desks etc, for Tax Collector's office, City Engineers offices and Clerks office The bids are as follows:

F A Flume	\$1325.00
Brydson Bros	\$1285.00
E S Slaughter	\$ 868.00
J F Moore	\$ 812.00

Mr. Moore being the lowest bidder, we recommend that his bid be accepted, and that the Mayor be instructed to enter into contract with him for same, and that a bond of 25% be required for the completion of said work.

C M Moore  
J M Meredith  
A E Cuneo  
Tom D Smith  
Henry Petri  
City Hall Committee

On motion the report was adopted.

The Paving Committee presented the following report;

12/14/07

Hon F M Maddox and City Council, Austin, Texas

Dear Sirs:

Paving Committee met; quorum present; motion by C W Moore seconded by Will Redd that present lines, property owners have had established by City Engineer be maintained below 3<sup>rd</sup> Street on Congress Avenue in paving the Avenue and present width of side-walks be left as at present established: carried.

Joe Harrell Secy

A C Goeth Chm

Mr. Goeth stated that on Congress Avenue below 3<sup>rd</sup> Street the curb line was out in the street and that property owners objected to moving the curb back, but had agreed that if the City would bear the expense of moving the curbing they would not object to its being moved, and the Committee would recommend that the City have same moved, at the expense of the City. On motion the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

The Paving Committee recommended the employment of an assistant to the City Engineer for a period of six months. On motion the recommendation of the Committee was adopted.

Alderman Armstrong for the special Committee on rules to whom was referred a resolution to amend the rules of the Council presented the following report;

To the Hon F M Maddox, Mayor, and City Council of Austin;

Gentlemen: we, your Committee to whom was referred a resolution by Alderman Redd limiting the time allowed for debates on questions submitted to the Council, recommend the adoption of the following rule, as a substitute for Mr. Redd's resolution. That in all debates on questions submitted to the Council, each member thereof shall have the privilege of the floor for ten minutes, if he so deems before any member shall be allowed to speak the second time. Members wishing to speak the second time on a question shall be allowed five minutes in which to do so. Any member wishing to speak a third time must state the time wanted when asking for such permission and must have the consent of two-thirds of the members present before being allowed the privilege. When a question is debated on by sections these same rules shall apply, excepting the time allowed, which in this case shall be three minutes. It shall be the duty of the Presiding Officers to rigidly enforce this rule, and any rules or parts thereof previously adopted by the City Council conflicting with these rules shall be and is hereby repealed.

The report of the Committee was adopted by the following vote;

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, More, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm

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Nay Alderman Cuneo

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On motion the regular order of business was suspended and Alderman Smith allowed to present a petition from the Driskill Laundry to erect a roof over steps within the fire limits. The petition was read and on motion referred to the Fire Commissioners.

#### Unfinished business

The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance providing for the publication of all notices of sale of stock impounded by the City of Austin.

The ordinance was read the third time, and on final passage was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Cuneo, More, Scott & Sutor	5
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Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Petri, Redd, Smith, & Wilhelm	8
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The Mayor laid before the Council an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$2000.00 for the purpose of building a retaining wall at the foot of Congress Avenue; The ordinance was read the second time and a motion made to suspend the rule and place it on its third reading which was lost by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Crooker, Meredith, Miller, Redd, Scott, & Sutor	6
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Nays Aldermen Armstrong, Cuneo, Haynes, Moore, Petri, Smith & Wilhelm	7
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#### New business

By Alderman Crooker, an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of paying incidental expenses paving Congress Avenue; The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote;

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor, & Wilhelm	13
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Nays none

By Alderman Sutor an ordinance granting the Austin Dam & Suburban R R Co the right to put in a spur track on west 4<sup>th</sup> Street to Block 48;

The ordinance was read the first time, and the rule suspended and it read the second time, Alderman Moore moved to amend same by adding the following "Providing the Austin Dam & Suburban R R Co shall at all times maintain Crossings in proper manner" The amendment was adopted, by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri,  
Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor, & Wilhelm 13

Nays none

The ordinance as amended was then passed under suspension of the rule by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri, Redd,  
Scott, Smith, Sutor, & Wilhelm 12

Nays Alderman Cuneo 1

By Alderman Moore an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$37.50 for the purpose of paying the salary of assistant to the City Engineer. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote;

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri,  
Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor, & Wilhelm. 13

Nays None

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$30.590.00 for the purpose of paying the interest due January 1<sup>st</sup> 1908 on Refunding Bonds of the City. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri,  
Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 13

Nays none

By Alderman Haynes an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$1,531.12 for the purpose of paying approved accounts. The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri,  
Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor & Wilhelm 13

Nays none

By Alderman Scott an ordinance appropriating the sum of \$185.65 for the purpose of paying approved accounts Street Dept: The ordinance was read the first time and passed under suspension of the rules by the following vote:

Yeas Aldermen Armstrong, Crooker, Cuneo, Haynes, Meredith, Miller, Moore, Petri,  
Redd, Scott, Smith, Sutor Y Wilhelm

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Nays none

The Mayor stated to the Council that he had issued a proclamation regarding the running at large of dogs, and suggested that our dog laws were defective and recommended that the Council take up the matter and investigate the dog laws of other Cities and get up such a law as they may think best.

On motion the matter was referred to the Ordinance & Police Committee and the City Attorney.

On Motion the Council adjourned.

Jon O. Johnson  
City Clerk